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SUBJ: OPIC RESEARCH PROJECT

REF: A. STATE 299319, B. STATE 286909, C. SANTIAGO 11150,

D. LAPAZ 9315

1. EMBASSY AGREES FULLY WITH DEPARTMENTS VIEWS IN PARA 3 OF STATE 299319 THAT GULF CASE NOT APPROPRIATE FOR OPIC STUDY AT THIS TIME. WE ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST WITH THE MINA MATILDE STUDY ON THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT GULF CASE WILL REMAIN OUT-OF-BOUNDS.

2. ON CONFIRMATION OF ABOVE UNDERSTANDING WE WILL ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH ORMACHEA, RENE ROJAS, ANTONIO SANCHEZ DE LOZADA, ROBERTO CAPRILES AND CARLOS ITURRALDE (WHO NOW IN LONDON AT ITC MEETING). WE PERCIEVE NO OBJECTION TO TEAM SEEING ROGELIO MIRANDA IN LONDON. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON WHEREABOUTS OF EDUARDO MENDEZ PEREYRA OR LUIS A NOGALES, BUT WE WILL LOOK INTO THAT AND TO WHETHER THEY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO SEE.

3. WE ARE FLATLY OPPOSED TO TEAM INTERVIEWING MARCELO QUIROGA WHO IS A RABID OPPONENT OF THIS GOB AND IN ANY CASE IS IN EXILE AS FAR AS WE KNOW.

4. NO OTHER APPROPRIATE NAMES CAME TO MIND, BUT WE WILL CHECK FILES AND DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH SOME OF THE OTHERS BEFORE TEAM'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. AMBASSADOR MOST PLEASED TO RECEIVE HIS FORMER COLLEAGUE, PROFESSOR WEINTRAUB SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO HOLD A LUNCHEON OR DINNER IN HIS HONOR IF HE WISHES.

6. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE IN ADVANCE AN INDICATION OF WHAT QUESTIONS THE OPIC TEAM PLANS TO ASK INTERVIEWEES. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S OBTAINING AND SENDING THIS ASAP.
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